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SUBJ: LESOTHO'S POSITIONS ON UNGA ISSUES

1. IN ABSENCE FOREIGN MINISTER AND PERMSEC WHO OUT OF COUNTRY UNTIL NEXT WEEK, CHARGE DISCUSSED SELECTED UNGA ISSUES WITH ASST SECRETARY FOREIGN AFFAIRS THABO MAKEKA SEP 12. ALSO PLAN TO DISCUSS WITH MINISTER UPON HIS RETURN. MAKEKA, WHO IS KNOWLEDGEABLE AND COMPETENT, MADE FOLLOWING RESPONSES TO ISSUES RAISED:

A. KHMER CREDENTIALS. GOL POSITION IS PRECISELY THAT OF U.S., I.E., UNGA SHOULD NOT PREJUDGE ISSUE BUT SHOULD ENCOURAGE CONTENDING SIDES TO NEGOTIATE DEFERENCES. IT IS FOR PEOPLE THEMSELVES TO DECIDE WHO REPRESENTS THEM IN UN. MAKEKA HAD RECENT NEWS TO EFFECT ISSUE MIGHT NOT COME TO VOTE; IF IT DOES, GOL WILL SUPPORT KHMER REPUBLIC.

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B. KOREAN ITEMS. GOL HAS ASSURED ROK OF ITS CONTINUED

SUPPORT. IF IT COMES TO A VOTE, LESOTHO WILL VOTE FOR FRIENDLY RESOLUTION. GOL'S POSITION IS THAT NORTH AND SOUTH SHOULD CONTINUE DIALOGUE WITHOUT INTERFERENCE OF UNGA. (MAKEKA DID NOT VOLUNTEER, AND I DID NOT ASK, WHETHER GOL WOULD CO-SPONSOR FRIENDLY RESOLUTION.) MAKEKA SAID NORTH KOREA'S FRIENDS HAD DONE CONSIDERABLY MORE LOBBYING AMONG NONALIGNED THIS YEAR THAN LAST.

C. SOUTH AFRICA CREDENTIALS. LESOTHO SEES MERIT IN ARGUMENT THAT SOUTH AFRICA SHOULD BE EXPOSED TO PRESSURE WITHIN UN, AND DOES NOT REALLY WANT SAG EXPELLED. NEVERTHELESS, MAKEKA'S GUESS IS THAT WITH BOUTEFLIKA IN CHAIR THIS YEAR, SAG'S CREDENTIALS MAY NOT BE ACCEPTED. GOL'S POSITION NOT FINALLY SETTLED, BUT PROBABLY WILL SUPPORT OAU/NON-ALIGNED POSITION.

D. MIDDLE EAST. GOL DOES NOT KNOW WHAT KIND OF RESOLUTION MAY BE INTRODUCED. BECAUSE OF ITS FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH ARAB COUNTRIES LESOTHO WILL BE OBLIGED TO SUPPORT ARAB POSITION. GOL DOES NOT HAVE LEVERAGE TO INFLUENCE TONE OF ANY RESOLUTION BUT SHARES U.S. HOPE THAT ACrimonious DEBATE WILL NOT DAMAGE ONGOING NEGOTIATIONS FOR PEACE.

E. RHODESIA/NAMIBIA. GOL'S VOTES ON ANY RESOLUTIONS WILL DEPEND ON WORDING BUT GOL WILL BE CONSIDERABLY MORE TOLERANT OF STRONG WORDING THAN U.S. IN CASE OF NAMIBIA, GOL WILL PROBABLY ABSTAIN IF USE OF ARMED FORCE IS INCLUDED IN MEASURES PRESCRIBED. WILL GO ALONG WITH OAU ON RHODESIA (BUT MAKEKA BELIEVES THERE CHANCE THAT NO RHODESIAN RESOLUTION WILL BE VOTED THIS YEAR.)

2. COMPOSITION LESOTHO DELEGATION NOT FINALLY SETTLED, BUT TO BEHEADED BY FOREIGN MINISTER KOTSOKOANE AND WILL INCLUDE MAKEKA, PERMANENT SECRETARY TEBOHO MASHOLOGU, MAKEKA, AND ASST SECRETARY ERIC MATHABA. ALL THESE MEN EMINENTLY APPROACHABLE BY U.S. REPRESENTATIVES. (MAKEKA, WHO WAS MEMBER OF GOL LOS DELEGATION, WAS DELIGHTED WITH ACCESS HE HAD TO U.S. DELEGATION AT CARACAS.) MATHABA WILL STAY ON AS MEMBER OF PERMANENT MISSION IN NEW YORK. MOOKI MOLAPO, LESOTHO'S AMBASSADOR TO UN, MAY DEPART

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